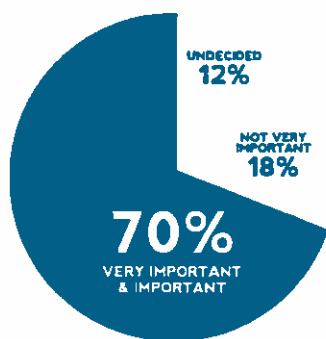


## Opinions of Criminal Justice in Michigan

### Purpose of Criminal Justice: Rehabilitate

Do you think the purpose of criminal justice should be more to punish or more to rehabilitate?



### Support to spend less

40% Very important  
30% Important  
18% Not very important  
12% Undecided

## 2 Support for Reforms: Wide Majority Believe it's Important to Spend Less on Corrections

Currently Michigan spends about 2 billion dollars every year on corrections, or one out of every five dollars in the state's General Fund. How important do you think it is to reduce Michigan's corrections budget? Would that be.....?

**Bottom Line: Spend Less**

## 3 Presumptive Parole: Most Support

"Presumptive parole" is a policy that means people in prison that are eligible for parole will be released on their first parole eligibility date if they are not a risk to public safety. Would you say you support this policy or you don't support this policy?



## 4 When Risk Is Low, Release at First Eligible Date: Most Support Potential Presumptive Parole Bill

Currently, many Michigan prisoners are being denied parole, even though they score low risk for reoffending on risk assessment instruments. A pending bill would presume such prisoners will be released when they are first eligible for release, as long as they are a low risk to public safety. This bill will save millions of dollars a year in the state budget. Should your legislator support this bill for first eligible release or should they oppose it?

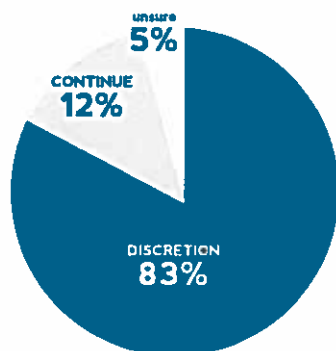
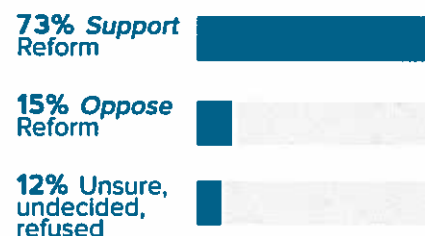
### Most support release at first eligible date



## 5 Medical Parole: Release Elderly, Seriously Ill When Risk Is Low

A large number of people in Michigan prisons are middle-aged or elderly, and have served very long sentences. Research on crime indicates that middle-aged, elderly and very sick people are unlikely to commit crimes after release. However, their medical costs go up greatly while incarcerated. Do you support reforms that would allow the parole board to release people who are older or seriously ill and present no risk to the public or do you oppose them?

**Most support reforms for elderly and seriously ill**



### Support for tailoring sentences

**83%** Judge should have discretion  
**12%** Law should continue  
**5%** Undecided, unsure, refused

## 6 Felony Firearm: Give Judges Discretion Versus Mandatory 2 years

Currently, Michigan has a mandatory 2-year additional sentence for possessing a gun during the commission of a felony, whether or not the gun was used or was even relevant to the crime.

For example, when someone convicted of a traffic offense had a gun locked in the trunk, which could add 2 years to the person's sentence. Should this law continue, or should judges have discretion to tailor the sentence to the nature of the offense and the offender?

## 7 Controlling Crime Is Lower Priority for Michigan Voters

Of the following list of state problems or issues people say they are most concerned about, after I read the whole list, please tell me which one problem or issue you are personally concerned about the most?

- 25%** Improving roads, highways and bridges in Michigan
- 18%** The state's economy and providing jobs
- 13%** Improving education
- 10%** Making quality health care insurance affordable and accessible to everyone
- 9%** Controlling state spending, taxes and fees
- 7%** Controlling crime in our state
- 18%** Something else / don't know

## 8 In Considering Approaches to Reducing Crime, Voters Rank Long Prison Terms LAST

Now I am going to read a list of nine different approaches that have been considered effective in reducing crime. What effectiveness rating would you give (the below) in reducing crime?

**Increasing the availability of treatment for the mentally ill**

**Total Effective 82%**

**Early children education**

**Total Effective 80%**

**Comprehensive rehabilitation programs for juvenile offenders**

**Total Effective 76%**

**Reducing high school truancy and drop-out rates**

**Total Effective 76%**

**Programs to decrease child abuse and neglect**

**Total Effective 68%**

**Investing in trauma recovery services for crime victims**

**Total Effective 65%**

**Intensive supervision for probationers**

**Total Effective 61%**

**Substance abuse prevention and treatment**

**Total Effective 52%**

**Long prison terms**

**Total Effective 34%**